

News & Notes

ACS helps job-seekers

The Army Community Service Job Assistance Center (Artillery Kaserne, building 203, room 3) is an excellent resource for individuals looking for work – or hoping to improve their job-search skills.

The center includes a “job board” with lists of area vacancies, computers, and – most importantly – help with creating a resume or completing application material.

For more information call 442-2777/civ. 08821-759-777.

Bible study groups welcome new members

The following Bible study groups are available for members of the Garmisch community:

□ Armed Forces Recreation Center – Mondays, 6:30 p.m., in the AFRC Housing Area (in the Scout Room)

□ Women – Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. in the chapel

□ Garmisch – Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Chaplain Benzing.

□ Men – Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m., in the chapel.

Newcomers are always welcome. For more information call 440-2819/civ. 08821-750-819.

Students serve in Czech Republic

Garmisch’s Club Beyond is taking a group of high school students to the Czech Republic April 3 to 10 to participate in an international service project. Cost for the week is \$299, with fundraising opportunities available to help reduce the fee.

For more information about a trip you won’t forget call Brian or Bonnie Hershey at 0610-555-1463.

Arts & Crafts Center offers creative outlets

The Crafts Tree, Garmisch’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts & Crafts Center, offers a wide range of opportunities for the creative-minded community member. The following are two such outlets:

□ **Woodworking shop** – With a great assortment of machines and tools, plenty of workspace and expert instruction, the shop is a wonderful resource for both beginners and advanced craftsmen.

□ **Piano instruction** – Two teachers serve adults and children, beginners and advanced. A two-month lesson plan costs \$115, with slots filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For details call Michele Schneider at 442-2475/civ. 08821-750-2475.

Healthy Lifestyle Challenge returns

Back by popular demand: The Mueller Fitness Center is once again sponsoring a Healthy Lifestyle Challenge for Garmisch residents.

This eight-week program is designed for individuals and teams to compete for points and prizes while embracing the many facets of a healthy lifestyle.

For more information call 440-2747/civ. 08821-175-0747.

Scouts to serve plenty of pasta

The Boy Scouts of Garmisch’s Troop 50 will be holding their renowned all-you-can-eat pasta dinner Feb. 7, 5 to 10 p.m., in the Pete Burke Center on Artillery Kaserne.

Tickets (\$8.50 for adults, \$5.50 for children) will be available at the door, or may be purchased in advance from any Scout.



Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Chavez speaks about importance of strong military families with Sgt. Michael Salazar, the 6th ASG’s Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, and Salazar’s wife, Kelli.

Garmisch Soldier named 6th ASG NCO of Year

Story & photos by Hugh C. McBride

A Garmisch Soldier has been selected as the 6th Area Support Group’s Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Sgt. Michael Salazar, who has served with the 6th ASG Provost Marshal’s Office in Garmisch since 2001, was honored for his achievement at a Jan. 15 ceremony on Stuttgart’s Kelley Barracks.

A leader and an example

By earning this award, Salazar has become “a leader and an example for everyone to follow,” said Command Sgt. Major John P. Pollard of the U.S. European Command commandant’s office.

Pollard, the recognition ceremony’s guest speaker, spoke about “the awesome responsibility of being a leader,” especially in times of war.

“If you are a leader ... it’s in your heart,” Pollard told Salazar. “We all know there are ‘undeclared leaders’ in the Army – and you just became one.”

6th ASG Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Chavez, who presided over the NCO of the Year selection board, said Salazar’s effort and dedication to duty shone through during his interview.

“He has the right attitude about doing his job and taking care of Soldiers,” Chavez said. “He’s someone that our Army needs to keep.”

Chavez said the final selection board evaluated NCO of the Year candidates on a variety of military-related topics and even tested their comprehension of global current events. “It was a tough board,” Chavez said “[but Salazar] studied and he persevered.”

An outstanding NCO

Sgt. Michael Dodson, the 6th ASG PMO’s operations officer, said Salazar was a deserving recipient of this honor. “He’s an outstanding noncommissioned officer,” Dodson said.

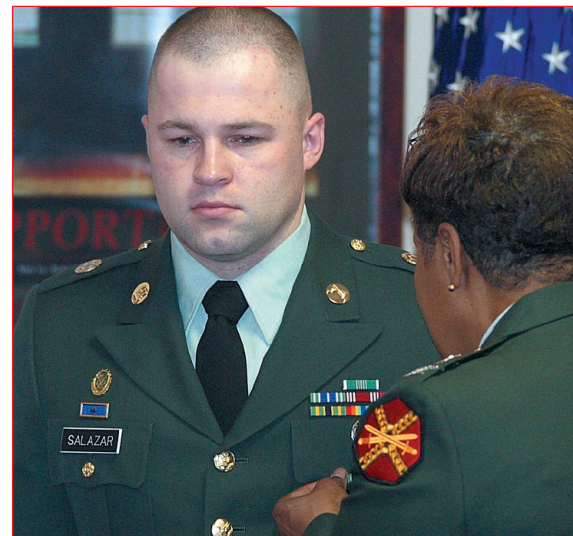
For the Soldier on the receiving end of this avalanche of praise, being named NCO of the Year served both personal and professional purposes. Salazar said he has made meeting quarterly and annual award boards a habit to help himself evaluate his progress against the military’s standards.

“It’s a matter of doing the right things,” he said.

Along with the personal affirmation associated with earning the NCO of the Year award, Salazar said, his selection also allows him to be a more effective leader.

“The outcome is the example I will set for my Soldiers to follow.”

Salazar, who recently learned he has been selected for promotion to staff sergeant, was also presented with the Army Achievement Medal by 6th ASG Commander Col. Gwendolyn Bonéy-Harris during the Jan. 15 recognition ceremony.



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Rewards of achievement

In addition to the honor associated with the award, Salazar also earned the following rewards:

□ A \$200 savings bond from USAA insurance and financial corporation.

□ A \$100 gift certificate and a \$90 coupon booklet from the Army Air Force Exchange Service.

□ A day trip for two and an AT&T phone card from the United Services Organization.

□ A \$100 coupon booklet from the 6th ASG Directorate of Community Activities.

□ A \$50 cash award from Service Credit Union.

Salazar’s wife, Kelli – who Chavez praised during the Jan. 15 ceremony for her consistent support and encouragement of her husband’s career, was confident her husband had earned these many gestures of recognition.

“He’s a hard worker,” she said. “He deserves it.”